Amendments to the Claims

- 1. (Original) An L-menthol-containing formulation for inhibiting smooth muscle contraction, which comprises L-menthol, a surfactant, and an antifoaming agent and which is an emulsion with an average particle size of less than 100 nm.
- **2.** (Original) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 1, which further comprises a fat or oil.
- **3.** (Currently amended) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 1 or 2, which has a light transmittance of 50% or more.
- **4. (Currently amended)** The L-menthol-containing formulation according to any one of Claims 1 to 3 Claim 1, which comprises 0.01 to 5.0% by weight of L-menthol, 0.1 to 10% by weight of a surfactant, and 0.0001 to 0.01% by weight of an antifoaming agent based on the weight of the whole formulation.
- **5.** (Original) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 4, wherein a content of the fat or oil is far from 0.1 to 10% by weight.
- 6. (Currently amended) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to any one of Claims 1 to 5 Claim 1, wherein the antifoaming agent is at least one agent selected from silicone antifoaming agents.
- 7. (Currently amended) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to any one of Claims 1 to 6 Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is at least one member selected from polyoxyethylene hydrogenated caster oils and sucrose fatty acid esters.

- **8.** (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 2, which has a light transmittance of 50% or more.
- 9. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 2, which comprises 0.01 to 5.0% by weight of L-menthol, 0.1 to 10% by weight of a surfactant, and 0.0001 to 0.01% by weight of an antifoaming agent based on the weight of the whole formulation.
- 10. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 3, which comprises 0.01 to 5.0% by weight of L-menthol, 0.1 to 10% by weight of a surfactant, and 0.0001 to 0.01% by weight of an antifoaming agent based on the weight of the whole formulation.
- 11. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 2, wherein the antifoaming agent is at least one agent selected from silicone antifoaming agents.
- 12. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 3, wherein the antifoaming agent is at least one agent selected from silicone antifoaming agents.
- 13. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 4, wherein the antifoaming agent is at least one agent selected from silicone antifoaming agents.
- 14. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 5, wherein the antifoaming agent is at least one agent selected from silicone antifoaming agents.
- 15. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 2, wherein the surfactant is at least one member selected from polyoxyethylene hydrogenated caster oils and sucrose fatty acid esters.

- **16.** (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 3, wherein the surfactant is at least one member selected from polyoxyethylene hydrogenated caster oils and sucrose fatty acid esters.
- 17. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 4, wherein the surfactant is at least one member selected from polyoxyethylene hydrogenated caster oils and sucrose fatty acid esters.
- **18.** (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 5, wherein the surfactant is at least one member selected from polyoxyethylene hydrogenated caster oils and sucrose fatty acid esters.
- 19. (New) The L-menthol-containing formulation according to Claim 6, wherein the surfactant is at least one member selected from polyoxyethylene hydrogenated caster oils and sucrose fatty acid esters.